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SUBJECT: FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY

REF: A. STATE 172880 B. CAIRO 6963

1. GEN HOSNI INFORMED US AUG 2 THAT MRS. SADAT HAS DECIDED MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION WILL HANDLE FINAL COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY. COMPETITORS REMAIN GROUP OF THREE AMERICAN AND ONE BRITISH FIRM MENTIONED CAIRO REFTEL. INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CAIRO BY REGULAR MINISTRY REVIEW BOARD (ORGANIZED AND RUN BY AMERICAN CONSULTING FIRM TAMS). FAITH AND HOPE BOARD WILL THEN PASS ON FINAL SELECTION. HOSNI WILL BE GENERALLY AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTRY DURING INTERVIEWS. HE BELIEVES, AND FEELS BOTH DR. ENGLISH AND TRAUB SHARE BELIEF, THAT TAMS SENIOR CONTRACT SPECIALIST PROF MCKAZIE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED TO SELECT MOST QUALIFIED HOSPITAL CONSULTANT.

2. HOSNI SAID THAT BOTH HE AND MRS. SADAT HAVE SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS TO BRITISH FIRMS, WHICH HE BELIEVES ARE SHARED BY MINISTRY. HE CONTINUES BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN COMPANY WILL BE SELECTED. HOSNI CONFIDED THAT MRS. SADAT HAS DECIDED TO ALLOW MINISTRY TO MAKE FINAL SELECTION TO ELIMINATE QUOTE - ANY CRITICISM OVER CHOICE - UNQUOTE.

3. REGARDING HOSNI'S VISIT TO US, HE HAS INFORMED US THAT HE WILL BE OUT OF CAIRO FROM AUG 18 TO SEPT 6. HE ADVISES THAT
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IF EDITORIAL CONFERENCE IS TO TAKE PLACE DURING THAT TIME HE

WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

4. REGARDING TRAUB'S VISIT TO CAIRO, HOSNI UNDERSTANDS THAT TRAUB IS UNDERGOING SURGERY SOMETIME DURING AUG, AND IS OF OPINION THAT TRAUB VISIT, NOW THAT PRESENCE NOT NECESSARY FOR PURPOSES OF FAITH AND HOPE INTERVIEWS, SHOULD BE POSTPONED. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THEREFORE THAT PERHAPS ACTUAL SIGNING CEREMONY FOR FAITH AND HOPE PROJECT WOULD BE GOOD TIME FOR TRAUB TO BE PRESENT AND HOSNI AGREED.
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